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Phyllis Biedess, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 East Jefferson
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

Dear Ms. Biedess:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State plan amendment (SPA) 01-007, regarding eligibility for individuals determined by the Arizona Department of Health Services to be seriously mentally ill. I am approving this SPA with the requested effective date of May 1, 2001.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ronald Reepen at (415) 744-3601.

Sincerely,


Linda Minamoto
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid

Enclosure

cc:

Joan Peterson, CMS, CMSO, FCHPG
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2.5 Disability

42 CFR
435.121,

A. All of the requirements of 42 CFR 435.540 and 435.541 are met. The State uses the same definition of disability as the SSI program unless a more restrictive definition of disability is specified in Item A.13.b. of ATTACHMENT 2.2-A of this plan.

435.540(b)
435.541 (WAIVER*)

* B. In accordance with the waiver, approved June 27, 1995, disability of SSI eligible children under the age of 18 who apply for ALTCS shall be determined using the ALTCS Preadmission Screening instrument, to the extent that this would not result in an individual being denied eligibility who would otherwise be eligible.

C. The following provisions apply to an AHCCCS applicant who is determined seriously mentally ill (SMI) by the Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS):

1. The determination of seriously mentally ill by ADHS/DBHS meets all requirements of subsection A, and;
2. Determinations by ADHS/DBHS that an otherwise eligible applicant is disabled and (a) unable to live in an independent or family setting without supervision, or (b) is at risk of serious harm to self or others will be reviewed on a sample basis by the Arizona Department of Economic Security/Disability Determination Services Administration (ADES/DDSA) to assure consistency with A.
3. Determinations by ADHS/DBHS that an otherwise eligible applicant is disabled and has (a) dysfunction in role performance or (b) is at risk of deterioration without treatment will be considered presumptive disability determinations that will be reviewed in all cases for consistency with A by ADES/DDSA following approval for Medicaid if otherwise eligible.
4. The date of the determination by ADHS/DBHS will be the date for compliance purposes under 42 CFR 435.911.

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